

# MDOC: FIXTURES POLICY, 2019-2020

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## OBJECTIVE

The overall objective of this MDOC Fixtures Policy is to provide an annual fixtures programme which gives orienteering opportunities for experienced and inexperienced participants, for adults and for juniors, and in a variety of formats to cater for the preferences of club members.

## CONSTRAINTS and associated actions

Although it might be desirable for MDOC to stage an intensive programme of events, any such programme must take into account the following potential constraints:

1. People. The number of volunteers available to plan and organise the events
  - a. The results of the recent survey of training requirements will be inspected to determine what types of training should be introduced with the aim of boosting the number of suitable volunteers
2. Areas. The availability of suitable areas, and the willingness of landowners, agents etc to permit orienteering in those locations, and at the proposed dates and times
  - a. We will continue to liaise and build relationships with landowners, agents etc with the aim of facilitating the granting of land permission
3. Costs. The cost of land access, which in some cases may mean a proposed event would make a financial loss
  - a. While it would not be appropriate to make a financial loss on every event, there may be circumstances in which a manageable loss at a specific event would be acceptable if the holding of the event achieved other objectives
4. Maps. The availability of sufficiently accurate maps of the proposed areas.
  - a. The club will aim to establish a rolling programme of map updates and, where possible, maps of new areas, to support and facilitate the development of the event programme
  - b. To this end a list of competent internal and external mappers will be established.

## HENCE THE POLICY:

1. Events shall be provided with the aim of encouraging newcomers, in particular schoolchildren and families. Some of these events could also include a course of interest to experienced orienteers. *[The traditional Saturday morning events address this objective, but other formats could also be introduced. We will continue to liaise with the Cheshire Schools League to avoid clashes with their programme of events during the Autumn and Spring.]*
2. Events shall be provided once/month or more frequently if possible, with the aim of providing orienteering in a social atmosphere that may be enjoyed by adults. *[Night Street League and Countryside Score help to address this objective, but additional events/formats will be required in order to meet the aim of providing a social event at least once every month.]*
3. Summer evening events shall be provided, co-ordinated with DEE's corresponding programme, to provide forest/moorland orienteering opportunities across the range of experience and abilities.
4. One or more Regional events shall be staged every year on Sundays in forest/moorland, subject to the **Constraints** listed above (in particular the availability of suitable maps/terrain).
5. One or more Urban/Sprint events shall be staged each year (*again subject to **Constraints***), for which inclusion in the UKUL may be sought if appropriate. Opportunities will be sought to identify additional urban areas that may be mapped.
6. MDOC will organise and plan an annual Night event as our club's contribution to the North West Night League.
7. A programme of MapRun events will be introduced, including some Night Street League events.
8. MDOC will aim to stage 2-day event, formerly known as 'Twin Peak', at least every 2 years.
9. MDOC will consider contributing to the staging of Regional and National Championship events as opportunities arise.
10. The Fixtures sub-group will review the types of event put on by other clubs in order to identify whether additional/alternative formats might usefully be introduced into the MDOC fixtures programme.